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## **CLARKE ANNOUNCES DETROIT BEAUTIFICATION GRANT**

***25 Michigan Counties Share \$20 Million in Grants***

LANSING – State Senator Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) announced today that Detroit will be awarded \$581,945 for a project that will include a 1,500-foot non-motorized trail from Rivard Plaza to Atwater St. as part of the Tri-Centennial State Park and Harbor non-motorized trail to continue the Detroit River Walk. The grant will also fund additional pedestrian lighting, benches, sod placement, tree planting, a 12-foot wide bituminous non-motorized path, security system, and trash receptacles.

“I’m pleased that the Granholm administration continues to recognize the importance of reinvesting in our local neighborhoods and cities,” Sen. Clarke said. “By reinvesting in our communities, we encourage continued economic growth and promote a higher quality of life for all of our citizens. Projects like these make it possible for local families and visitors to enjoy the many wonderful outdoor attractions and activities our city has to offer.”

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is awarding a total of \$20,468,400 in funding for 37 projects. Twenty-five counties throughout the state will be awarded Transportation Enhancement grants to create new bike paths, walking paths, improve downtown areas, business districts, bridges, and roadside parks for motorists and tourists. Federal law dictates that 10 percent of federal surface funds are designated for Transportation Enhancement projects.

MDOT administers the grants. This funding gives communities the opportunity to invest in these improvements.

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